



Docket N°. 034299-647

## Declaration & Power Of Attorney

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My correct city and state of residence, my post office address and my citizenship are as stated below next to my name,

I believe myself to be the original, first, and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original and first joint inventor (if more than one name is listed below) of the subject matter which is disclosed and claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled

METHOD OF RECONSTRUCTING A RADIOGRAPHIC IMAGE BY COMBINING ELEMENTAL IMAGES

the specification of which

☐ is attached hereto.

☒ was filed on

☒ was assigned serial n° 10/540,069

which was amended on

X was filed as PCT International Application

No. PCT/FR03/50195 on December 19, 2003

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified patent application, including the claims, as amended by any amendment(s) referred to above. I do not know and do not believe that the claimed invention was ever known or used in the United States of America before my invention thereof, or patented or described in any printed publication in any country before my invention thereof or more than one year prior to this application, that the same was not in public use or on sale in the United States of America more than one year prior to this application, and that the invention has not been patented or made the subject of an inventor's certificate issued before the date of this application in any country foreign to the United States of America on an application filed by me or my legal representatives or assigns more than twelve months (for a utility patent application) or six months (for a design patent application) prior to this application.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the examination of this application in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 (a).

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under 35 U.S.C. § 119 of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate listed below and have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed.

### PRIOR FOREIGN APPLICATION (S)

| Application No. | Country | Day/month/Year    | Priority Claimed  |
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| 02 16538        | France  | December 23, 2002 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO |
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**PRIOR FOREIGN APPLICATION (S)**

I hereby claim the benefit under 35 U.S.C. § 119 (e) of any United States provisional application(s) listed below.

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(Application Number)

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(Filing Date)

**PARENT PATENT APPLICATION(S)**

I hereby claim the benefit under 35 U.S.C. §120 of any United States application(s) listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in these prior United States application(s) in the manner provided by 35 U.S.C. § 112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose material information as defined in 37 CFR § 1.56(a) which occurred between the filing date of the prior application(s) and the national or PCT International filing date of this application.

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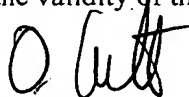
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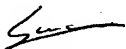


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**37 C.F.R § 1.56****Duty to disclose information material to patentability**

(a) a patent by its very nature is affected with a public interest. The public interest is best served, and the most effective patent examination occurs when, at the time an application is being examined, the Office is aware of and evaluates the teachings of all information material to patentability. Each individual associated with the filing and prosecution of a patent application has a duty of candor and good faith in dealing with the Office which includes a duty to disclose to the Office all information known to that individual to be material to patentability as defined in this section. The duty to disclose information exists with respect to each pending claim until the claim is cancelled or withdrawn from consideration, or the application becomes abandoned. Information material to the patentability of a claim that is a cancelled or withdrawn from consideration need not be submitted if the information is not material to the patentability of any claim remaining under consideration in the application. There is no duty to submit information which is not material to the patentability is deemed to be satisfied if all information known to be material to patentability of any claim issued in a patent was cited by the Office or submitted to the Office in the manner prescribed by §§1.97(b)-(d) and 1.98. However, no patent will be granted on an application in connection with which fraud on the Office was practised or attempted or the duty of disclosure was violated through bad faith or intentional misconduct. The Office encourages applicants to carefully examine:

- (1) Prior art cited in search reports of a foreign patent office in a counterpart application,
- and (2) The closest information over which individuals associated with the filing or prosecution of a patent application believe any pending claim patentability defines, to make sure that any information contained therein is disclosed to the Office.

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- (1) It establishes, by itself or in combination with other information, a prima facie case of unpatentability of a claim; or
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  - (ii) Asserting an argument of patentability

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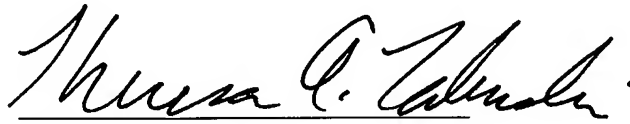
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